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They will be. Bill H is the one who told us about the meeting.

Ben J. Harrison

Deputy Regional Counsel Region 6, U.S. EPA Patrick Rankin

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Sent: 11/15/2011 08:27 AM CST

To: Ben Harrison

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Hubner; William Honker; Jane Watson; Philip Crocker

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If the GP Crossett facility is the one of which I'm thinking, the lack of designated used for the "ditch" and Mossy Lake are sore points with our WQS folks, who've objected to that deficiency in Arkansas' WQS.

I think we are going to let enforcement folks han...

Perhaps one of them should be present.

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Cc: Brad Crawford/R6/USEPA/US@EPA

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I think we are going to let enforcement folks handle it. EN has been involved quite a bit so I'm assuming Scott's folks have as well.

Ben Harrison

From:

Ben J. Harrison Deputy Regional Counsel Region 6, U.S. EPA

David Gillespie

---- Original Message -----

From: David Gillespie

Sent: 11/14/2011 01:28 PM CST

To: Ben Harrison; Patrick Rankin; Renea Ryland

Cc: Brad Crawford

Subject: Fw: Georgia Pacific Crossett Meeting - Wed at 2pm

Ben, please see the email below. I did some work on this issue many years ago. My understanding is that now the citizens and enviros are complaining about the smell, appearance (well, it is an old paper mill), and an alleged cancer cluster (Crossett--I'm thinking EJ?). Someone is apparently producing a video of the outfall ditch and people with cancer in the area and posting it online. I am told that GP and ADEQ are coming in to do some sort of damage control with us. I am also told the ditch has no designated uses in the AR WQSs (by design, done in the 80s), so it does not have to meet any particular standard, although it does once it reaches the Ouachita river at the end of the ditch.

See

http://www.desmogblog.com/koch-brothers-exposed-cancer-risk-crossett-arkansas-blamed-georgia-pacific

The meeting is scheduled for Wed. at 2 p.m. As you know, I have a conflicting briefing for AI on the UEC/Goliad uranium mining issue scheduled from 1:30 - 2:30 Wed. Since there are potential enforcement issues Pat may not be able to handle it. Please advise.

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FYI, listed below are the 7 folks that GP will be bringing to Wednesday's meeting, along with Teresa Marks and 3 others from ADEQ. The meeting is scheduled for 2pm Wed 11/16. Due to the size of the group, Sue is working on getting a larger conference room, so look for a schedule update on the location.

Bill

Cc:

Date:

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Attending the meeting from GP are the following:

Traylor Champion – Vice President Environmental Affairs. Prior to current role I was the facility environmental program leader for the Crossett Operations in the early 1990s and since have had an environmental oversight role for Crossett

Scott Bailey – Corporate Environmental Compliance Director with oversight responsibilities for Crossett. Scott was facility environmental program leader at Crossett in late 1990s

Jim Cutbirth – current facility environmental program leader

Mayes Starke – GP internal Senior wastewater consultant with 20 years supporting the Crossett facility WWT operations and NPDES permitting activities

Teresa Walsh - Crossett facility public affairs and community relations manager

Alison Lathrop – Senior Environmental Counsel with GP

Sam Ledbetter – local Arkansas counsel with 20 years supporting the Crossett operations with various environmental legal matters

For the meeting, will a computer/projector and screen be available in the meeting room so we can project our presentation?

We also understand 4 participants from ADEQ will be attending the meeting. Teresa Marks, Karen Bassett, Jamie Ewing, and Ryan Benefield

Thanks again for the assistance

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